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DE- ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages de-electrified during the last five years along with the reasons thereof;

(b) whether these de-electrified villages have been again electrified;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC) so far has received 575 draft Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) from 27 states (except Goa & Delhi) under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) covering, amongst other items, re-electrification of 27504 de-electrified villages in sixteen of these 27 States. State-wise details of de-electrified villages covered for re-electrification under RGGVY in the draft DPRs are given in Annexure- I.

It is gathered that natural calamities including floods, cyclones etc. and theft of line materials are the main reasons attributable for de-electrification of the electrified villages.

(b) to (d) : Rural electrification being a concurrent subject, execution of RE works is the responsibility of State Govt./State Power Utility. The States of Bihar, West Bengal, UP, Rajasthan, Uttaranchal and Karnataka have already commenced actual electrification of un- electrified / de-electrified villages under RGGVY whereas other States have initiated actions for preliminary activities including survey / route alignment, erection of infrastructure etc.

The implementing States so far reported electrification of 23014 un-electrified villages (including de-electrified villages) as on 8th December 2006. State-wise details of villages reportedly electrified under RGGVY are given in Annexure-II.

All the villages in the country including un-electrified and de-electrified villages are to be electrified under RGGVY by 2009.